Cement factories

36. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cement factories set up in the country both under public sector and private sector till March 1987;

(b) the total production of cement in the country during the year 1986-87, sector-wise; and

(c) what were the corresponding figures of the production of cement during the years 1984-85 and 1985-86?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) to (c) The required information is as under:

No. of Cement Plants in production upto March, 1987	Total	Production (lakh tonnes)		
		1984-85	1985-86	1986-87 (Prov.)
Public Sector (Large) (Central & State)	20	44.66	46.12	46.38
Private Sector (Large)	66	251.39	274.26	300.99
Mini & Small Plants including White	99	5.84	10.90	16.28
TOTAL	185	301.89	331.28	363.65

Drug Price Control order

37. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to amend category I of Drugs Price Control Order;

(b) if so, whether identification of drugs have been finalised;

(c) if so, what are the names of the drugs thus identified and the criteria for the identification; and

(d) if the answer to part (c) above be in the negative, by when the same will be finalised alongwith the name of the authority?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETRO-CHEMICALS IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) All the drugs required for National Health Programme would fall under Category I.

Sales Turn over of Formulations

38. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) what was the total sales turnover of formulations during the last three years, year-wise;

(b) what was the sales turn over of formulations exempted from Price Control under Drugs Price Control Order, 1979 during the same period

along with the percentage of total sales turn over;

(c) whether it is a fact that there had been increased in sale of exempted medicines year after year; and

(d) what was the percentage increase every year and what are the reasons for such increase?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETRO-CHEMICALS IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH): (a) to (d) Sales turn over of formulations is not monitored. The required details are, therefore, not available.

Prices of Medicines

39. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Drug Industry have increased the prices of price decontrolled medicines if so, the reasons therefor;

(b) if so, whether Government have any system to monitor the basis of increase of prices;

(c) if so, what are the details thereof;

(d) what were the prices of Mephentine tablets, Petrolagar, Forte, Sparine tablets, Ducofan Injection, Anugesic-HC, Anusol, Gulusil Liquid, Soloan's balm, Solan Liniment, Mazetol Tablets, Restimulen Injection, Restimulen Pearls, Dioquin Tables, Bronchindex Tablets, Bronchinal Syrup, Dexebutasone Tablets, Paralgicin Tablets, Sobride Injection, Vanmycetin Capsules, Minaphillin Injection, Spasmodonna Tablets and Styptochem Tablets during 1980 and what is the present price of each alongwith percentage increase in each case; and

(e) what steps have been taken to have effective control on the prices of these medicines?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETRO-CHEMICALS IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH): (a) to (c) Under the DPCO, 1979, the manufacturers are free to increase the prices of price decontrolled medicines.

(d) and (e) Information to the extent available, will be collected and laid on the Table of the Rajya Sabha.

Increasing Prices of Medicines

40. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that prices of medicines have gone up during the last few years from 100 per cent to 800 per cent.

(b) if so what were the prices of Adoxolin Capsules, Celin Tablets, Dionosil (oily) Injections, Myodil Injection, Comycin-S Syrup, Catilan Capules, Iberol-500 Syrup, Optilets-M Tablets, Pentotnal Sodium Injection, Tridione Capsules, Glycodin Terp Vasaka, Hermin Injection, Edinol Sapsules, entodoh Injection, Multibay Capsules, Resechin Injection and Tablets during 1980 and 1986;

(c) what are the reasons for price increase and what is the percentage increase in each case; and

(d) whether Government have allowed price increase of these medicines; if so, the price allowed in each?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETRO-CHEMICALS IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH): (a) As prices of drugs and formulations not falling under the controlled categories are not monitored, these figures are not available with us.